

Fishery Conservation and Management

§ 648.10

(2) No part of the vessel, its rigging, its fishing gear, or any other object obstructs the view of the official number from any enforcement vessel or aircraft.

(d) *Non-permanent marking.* Vessels carrying recreational fishing parties on a per capita basis or by charter must use markings that meet the above requirements, except for the requirement that they be affixed permanently to the vessel. The non-permanent markings must be displayed in conformity with the above requirements.

(e) *New Jersey surfclam or ocean quahog vessels.* Instead of complying with paragraph (a) of this section, surfclam or ocean quahog vessels licensed under New Jersey law may use the appropriate vessel identification markings established by that state.

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§ 648.9 VMS vendor and unit requirements.

(a) *Approval.* The type approval requirements for VMS MTUs and MCSPs for the Northeast Region are those as published by the NMFS Office of Law Enforcement in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and are available upon request. Both the minimum national standards and any established regional standards must be met in order to receive approval for use in the Northeast Region. The Regional Administrator shall ap-

prove all MTUs and MCSPs operating in the Northeast Region.

(b) *Maintenance.* Once approved, VMS units must maintain the minimum standards for which they were approved in the type approval requirements. Any changes made to the original submission for approval of an MTU or MCSP by NMFS must follow the procedures outlined in the type approval requirements.

(c) *Notification.* A list of approved VMS vendors will be published on the Northeast Regional Office Web site and in each proposed and final rule for implementing or modifying VMS requirements for specific fisheries.

(d) *Revocations.* In the event that a VMS vendor is deleted from the list of approved vendors, vessel owners that purchased a VMS unit from that vendor to meet Northeast requirements will be considered authorized to use that unit for the remainder of the unit's service life.

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§ 648.10 VMS and DAS requirements for vessel owners/operators.

(a) *VMS Demarcation Line.* The VMS Demarcation Line is defined by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order stated (a copy of a map showing the line is available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

VMS DEMARCATION LINE

Description	N. lat.	W. long.
1. Northern terminus point (Canada landmass)	45°03'	66°47'
2. A point east of West Quoddy Head Light	44°48.9'	66°56.1'
3. A point east of Little River Light	44°39.0'	67°10.5'
4. Whistle Buoy "8BI" (SSE of Baker Island)	44°13.6'	68°10.8'
5. Isle au Haut Light	44°03.9'	68°39.1'
6. A point south of Monhegan Island	43°43.3'	69°18.6'
7. Pemaquid Point Light	43°50.2'	69°30.4'
8. A point west of Halfway Rock	43°38.0'	70°05.0'
9. A point east of Cape Neddick Light	43°09.9'	70°34.5'
10. Merrimack River Entrance "MR" Whistle Buoy	42°48.6'	70°47.1'
11. Halibut Point Gong Buoy "1AHP"	42°42.0'	70°37.5'
12. Connecting reference point	42°40'	70°30'
13. Whistle Buoy "2" off Eastern Point	42°34.3'	70°39.8'
14. The Graves Light (Boston)	42°21.9'	70°52.2'
15. Minots Ledge Light	42°16.2'	70°45.6'
16. Farnham Rock Lighted Bell Buoy	42°05.6'	70°36.5'
17. Cape Cod Canal Bell Buoy "CC"	41°48.9'	70°27.7'
18. A point inside Cape Cod Bay	41°48.9'	70°05'
19. Race Point Lighted Bell Buoy "RP"	42°04.9'	70°16.8'
20. Peaked Hill Bar Whistle Buoy "2PH"	42°07.0'	70°06.2'
21. Connecting point, off Nauset Light	41°50'	69°53'
22. A point south of Chatham "C" Whistle Buoy	41°38'	69°55.2'
22. A point in eastern Vineyard Sound	41°30'	70°33'
24. A point east of Martha's Vineyard	41°22.2'	70°24.6'